(After lunch—3 p.m.)

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 22 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *re* CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF VOTING ON DEMANDS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, before I proceed to reply to the debate, I would like to make a motion that Demand XXIII—Labour may be taken up as soon as Demand XVII—Public Health is finished."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister can move the motion "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *That Demand XXIII—Labour including Factories be taken as soon as Demand XVII—Public Health is over.'* "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope there would not be any objection to this. The question is—

' That Demand XXIII—Labour including Factories be taken as soon as Demand XVII—Public Health is over.' "

The motion was put and carried.

III.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1954-55—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND XIV—POLICE—*cont.*

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I was listening to the Debate, I was hoping that I would be able to get off with a short reply, but the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition has intervened and made the proceedings very lively. Therefore, it has become necessary for me to reply, though not by making a very long speech, but at least by taking as much time as the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition took for his speech. He straightaway went into the figures with regard to the expenditure on police administration and showed how, after the attainment of Independence and after the attempt to establish what we call a Welfare State, the expenditure on police had increased from 2·98 crores to 7 crores. He has pointed out that there is an increase of expenditure of nearly Rs. 4 crores. Even though the Leader of the Opposition did not study law and practise the profession of law, I have observed him conducting cases before Tribunals and I can testify to this, that he is more than a lawyer, and he also put forward his case just like a lawyer, this morning. Sir, what is this increase due to? The Leader of the Opposition completely ignored that aspect of the matter altogether and asked ' How can there be such increased expenditure on police administration in a Welfare State? ' He said that even the British administration was spending only Rs. 2·98 crores and that we have increased the expenditure more than twofold. I may point out to him that the scales of pay of the Constabulary, which he wants to be raised